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I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TOWING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A WATER SPORTS APPARATUS**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

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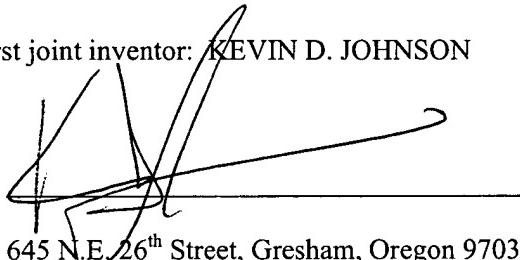
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